

thank those people in my district. They have been calling me the last few days telling me, hang tough. I am telling you, 85 percent of those people telling me, hang tough, hanging in there. I am glad I did it.

Thank you again, American people. Thank you. God bless you.

#### VINCE FOSTER INVESTIGATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, over the past couple of years I and some of my colleagues and some staff people have been doing an investigation into the death of Vince Foster who was found at Fort Marcy Park a year ago July. It was in 1993, 2 years ago in July. And over the past couple of years we have researched, we have looked into the Fiske report.

We have gone out to Fort Marcy Park. We have talked to numerous people who were witnesses or not witnesses to his death but were at Fort Marcy Park and we found some startling things. One of things that has really bothered a number of us in the past couple of months is that we found out, when we looked at the report that was filed by the FBI, that there is some severe inconsistencies.

The man who found Vince Foster's body, who was called the confidential witness, was alleged to have said in the FBI report that when he found Vince Foster's body he looked directly into the face, specifically observing that the eyes of his body were partially open and slightly glazed and that traces of dry black blood were running from the side of the mouth and nose down the right side of his face.

When I talked to the confidential witness, he swore under oath before a court reporter that there was no blood on the side of the man's face. You might say that might be just a mistake. But the report went on, he further advised that there were traces of blood stains on the shirt to include the upper right shoulder area, along with traces of what he considered to be vomit or spilled wine, possibly purplish in color. He says there was no blood on his shirt, that there was no blood on the side of his face and no blood on his shirt, and he told the FBI that. Yet the FBI put in a report that there was blood on the side of his face and on his shirt.

Another part of the report says, he further maintained, this is the FBI saying this, he further maintained that he was fixated on the face of the body and did not pay specific attention to body extremities, including the hand. In this regard, he advised he could not remember the exact position of the thumb, stating that while he did not observe a gun, there could have been a gun in his hands.

When this was read to the confidential witness, he went into orbit. He said

there is absolutely no question whatsoever that I say the hands clearly, the thumbs were out, the palms were up and there was no gun in the hands. He said, I was right there. I looked right down in his face, no further than 18 inches from the body. So the FBI, according to him, misstated that.

Now you would say if that was the only problem with the investigation by the FBI, that they may have just made some mistakes, even though there is some glaring ones here.

Then we ran into another witness who was out at the park that same day and an hour earlier. That fellow, when he was there, his name was Patrick Knowlton. He said that when he went into the park he saw a car, a brown car with Arkansas plates, and it was a Honda and that it was an older model.

Yet in the FBI report they say it is a light blue car with Virginia plates. He said, I never said that. I said it was a dark brown car with Arkansas plates and they put it down as a Virginia car with Virginia plates and it is light blue.

He also saw some suspicious people in another car who were doing some things there and they may have been involved in the Foster case. And he said, in the report according to the FBI, he could not further identify this particular individual nor his attire and stated that he would be unable to recognize him in the future. He said that is an absolute lie, because I told the FBI agent specifically I not only could identify him, I could draw a picture of the guy because I would never forget his face. Yet the FBI says he could not identify the gentleman.

Then we go back to the confidential witness. There is another part of the report that says, and the possibility does exist that there was a gun in or near his hands that he might have seen. The confidential witness said that is an absolute lie.

Now, another lady drove up near the park and her car broke down, and it was a Mercedes. When she went into the park to try to find help, she sighted two cars and in her report to the FBI she states the cars were of different color than what she said. She has been contacted.

The interesting thing about all of this is the two FBI agents that did the investigation, gentlemen named Larry Monroe and Bill Colombell. All three of these people say that the report that they gave to the Fiske Commission was wrong, that it was lies.

If one of them was a lie or a mistake, you could understand it or if two of them. But three, these people interviewed three people and there are glaring misrepresentations in these reports.

I have said to the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight here in the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER], and to the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. SCHIFF], who is also looking into this for the Speaker, that

we ought to have those FBI agents come in and explain these inequities and inconsistencies, these inconsistencies in this report, because according to the witnesses who found the body, according to the witnesses who were there, according to the witnesses who saw the cars and the people involved, they say these are out and out lies in these reports.

If the FBI lied to Mr. Fiske or if they were asked to lie to Mr. Fiske, that is a breach of faith. It is something that has misled the American people as to whether or not this may have been a suicide someplace else or maybe even a murder. These things need to be brought to the attention of the American people.

We have, I believe, Mr. Starr, the special counsel or prosecutor, who has been looking into this. It has been brought to his attention. I hope he pursues this and finds out why these FBI agents did not write the report the way the people who found the body and the way the people who were at the park saw it. I think he should ask those FBI agents directly, why did you misrepresent these things in this report?

In addition to that, I believe it is incumbent upon the Congress of the United States and our committee to call these FBI agents in and go ask them directly face to face why these things are inaccurate.

#### THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I will try not to use the entire hour this evening. But I did want to get to address the House tonight because I do feel that the two major bills or resolutions that we passed today are rather significant.

First of all, the continuing resolution, which, as I think most of us know, allows the Government to continue to operate, prevents the partial shutdown of the Federal Government, which forced many Federal employees to go home and not provide the services that they normally provide to the public.

Second, I would like to address the budget reconciliation or the budget bill that was passed today in final form before it goes to the President, which obviously seeks to plan or map out our budget priorities for the next decade in this Nation.

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I have to start out by saying with regard to the continuing resolution and the effort which was successful today to prevent the continued Government shutdown, Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased to see that it was passed. I think it was very wrong to have the Federal Government partially shut